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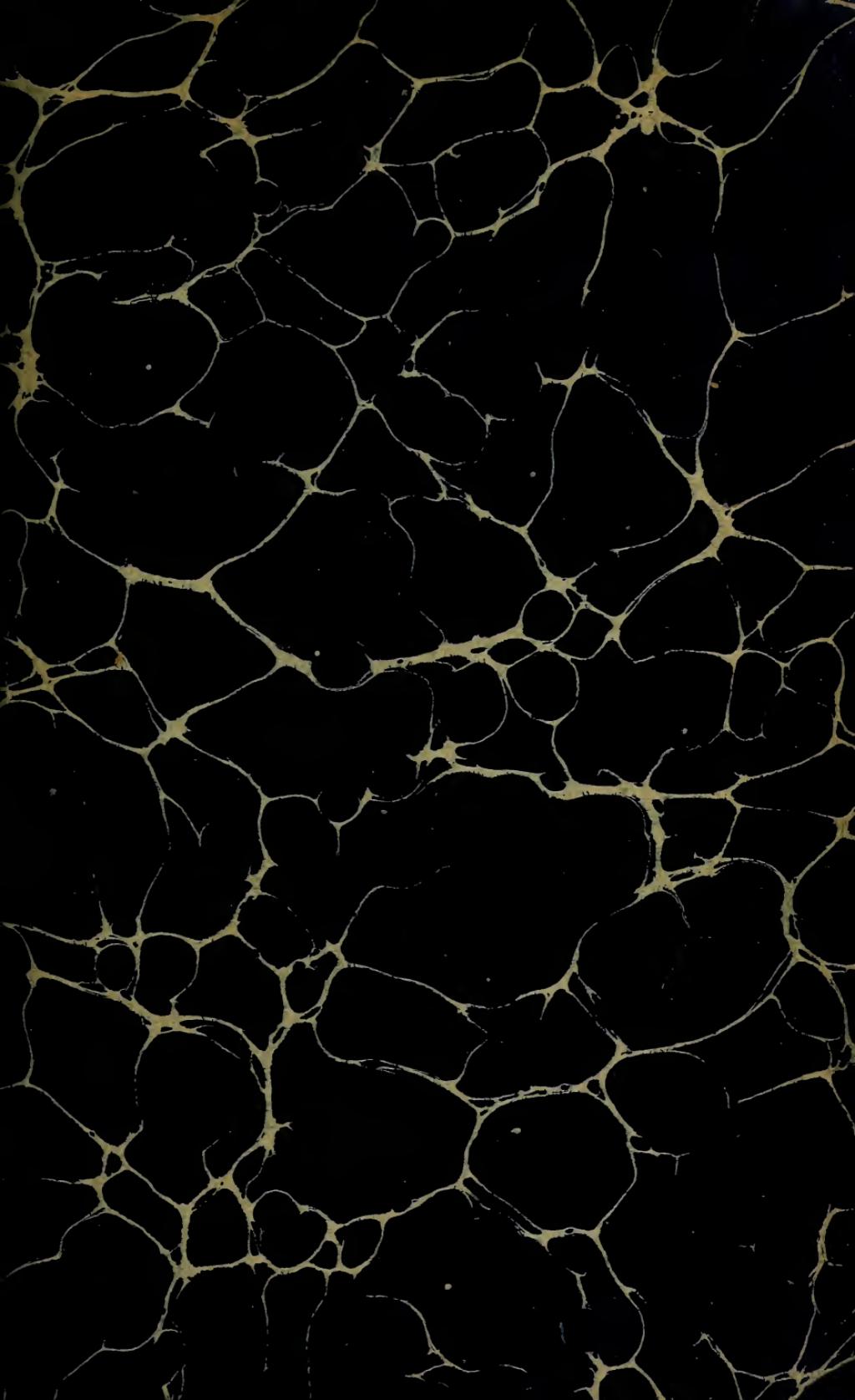
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CEO. W. PARK, Libonia, Franklin Co., Pa.

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Libonia, Franklin Co. Pa.

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Flora M. Smith.

Norfolk Co., Mass., Dec. 15, 1901.

NOTE.—We still have some of the Surprise packages of 100 bulbs for 75 cents on hand, and will mail to our friends as long as they last. If the ground is frozen they may be bedded in soil in a shallow box placed in the cellar till spring, then planted out. Address
GEO. W. PARK, LIBONIA, PA.

Mr. Park:—I appreciate your Floral Magazine. It is most interesting and practical. I have read and re-read the numbers received, and thoroughly enjoyed the floral matter, as well as the European Trip. I wish you good health and prosperity.

Mrs. Robert A. Mason.

Ontario, Canada.

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MUSKMELON.



PARSNIP.



TOMATO.

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THE NEW LARGE-FLOWERED SINGLE DAHLIAS.

IN France the Editor was shown a large bed of the new, large-flowered single Dahlias, in which were many varieties differing chiefly in color. The plants were from three to four feet high, with beautiful foliage and a fine display of flowers, each plant forming a huge bouquet of bloom, as represented in the illustration. The flowers were very large, of faultless form, and of all shades from white to dark, velvety crimson, also yellow and purple in rich shades, many specimens tipped, striped and shaded in the most beautiful manner. These exquisite Dahlias were as showy as the best double varieties, and far more graceful and natural. They are plants of easy culture, readily grown from seeds, and deserve a permanent place in every collection. They will be popular as soon as their superior beauty becomes known.

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My Winter Plants.—My Scarlet Plumbago is full of buds. This is new to me, and I am impatient for them to open.

Lobster Cactus is full of buds, also Lantana Don Calmet. Abutilon Golden Bells has never been out of bloom since it was a tiny slip. Geranium Lord Chancellor has lovely large clusters of dark red bloom shaded heavily with black. Peach Blossom, Madam Bruant and Mrs. Hill Geraniums are in bloom. Begonia nitida alba is crowned with lovely white star-shaped bloom with the fragrance of Violets. It is one of the most beautiful plants I have. And considering everything I am satisfied with my north bay window.

Carmen Ercle.

Ft. Recovery, O., Dec. 2, 1900.



NEW LARGE-FLOWERED SINGLE DAHLIA.

WINDOW PLANTS FROM SEEDS.

LET me tell the sisters whose wallets are not well filled how easy it is to raise some house plants from seeds. At this writing I have some fine, thrifty plants of Asparagus Sprengeri, thirteen, I think, and would have had twenty-eight had not a family of hungry sow bugs found the box where I had set it in the yard. They all have tubers as big as big beans. Will they sprout again from the tubers? They ate them smooth to the earth? I have perhaps seven or eight nice young Smil x also from seeds, and fifteen strong, thrifty Vinca rosea full of buds. Some of the latter have white stems, some dark red. Does this denote the color of the flower? I have fourteen Cyclamen giganteum, also from seeds. These four are sure to grow, if given half a chance, in common soil. Many died from neglect while I was ill, in July, when they needed most care. Some of them were literally cocked up, the last problem how two of them survive being alternately a

dry as powder, then deluged with cold water from the hydrant while the burning sun shone on them. If they will live through that, what would they not have been now under proper treatment? Primroses and Cincrarias were killed outright, and even Portulacas were entirely burnt up.

Chicago Reader.

Chicago, Oct. 12, 1900.

Umbrella Plant.—My Umbrella Plant is in a pot set in an aquarium. It is very ornamental, and attracts much attention.

Mrs. M. W. F.

Sullivan Co., Ind., Dec. 12, 1900.

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JANUARY, 1901.

TO CANADA.—The strict tariff and entrance laws of Canada make it difficult to supply our Canadian friends with premium plants and seeds, but there are no restrictions against the entrance of Bulbs, and these can be mailed with full assurance that the goods will arrive safely and satisfactorily. I am always pleased to send bulbs and tubers to my Canadian patrons, and solicit from them as many and as large orders as they feel disposed to favor me with. See bulb offers in this issue.

Narcissus and Hyacinths.—Bulbs of Narcissus and Hyacinth of medium size will increase in size and beauty for several years when grown under favorable conditions out-doors. When the largest bulbs are planted they will produce grand flowers the following spring, but will then split up into a clump of small bulbs that will require attention for several years to become of blooming size. For this reason the smaller-sized bulbs are preferable for bedding, as the bed can then be left undisturbed for several years, with the assurance of a fine display of bloom.

Boston Fern.—The Boston Fern likes a cool, moist, shady place. When grown in the living room keep water in an open pan upon the stove or over the register to add moisture to the atmosphere. Set plant in a shady window, and water as the soil begins to appear dry, and then water thoroughly. The plant likes plenty of root room, and if grown in a tin receptacle a more even condition of the soil as regards moisture will be maintained.

Cultural Hints.—Nearly all house plants, and especially Ferns, do better if the atmosphere is kept moist. An open pan of water upon the stove or register will be found of great benefit, both to the plants and the human family. Apply water to the soil whenever it appears dry, but do not keep it constantly wet. Sprinkle the foliage every day. Fumigate or dust with insect powder to keep down pests.

THE WINDOW GARDEN.



FEW good plants well arranged will make an admirable display in the window. A bay window admits of the use of larger plants, but even the shallow window may be handsomely adorned. A half dozen pots of Chinese Primroses in bloom, several pots of Primula obconica, a few blooming plants of dwarf Begonias, such as Gloire de Lorraine and Sandersonii, some pots of the red Plumbago and some of Crassula cordata can be used to advantage as flowering plants. These can be placed in the front rows and interspersed with such foliage plants as Sansevieria, Carex, Peristrophe, Ruellia, and the hardier foliage Begonias. In the rear the taller plants, as Acalypha Sanderiana, may be placed. In the center a large plant of Boston Fern on an elevated stand will appear to advantage, while hanging baskets or bracket pots may contain Kenilworth Ivy, Othonna or Oxalis arborea. The sides of the window may be decorated with Parlor Ivy or the long, slender branches of Abutilon mesopotamicum, grown during the summer. Bulbs of Hyacinth, Dutch and Roman, California Hyacinth, Narcissus and Oxalis may also be used with good effect. Lonicera rosea and Boston Smilax make beautiful trellis plants for the window. With the few plants named, well grown (and they are such as all persons can grow satisfactorily in the window), there need be no complaint of lack of material for window decoration in winter, and the grouping of the plants can be made in many ways that will please and satisfy the æsthetic taste.

Jasmine and Myrtle.—Cape Jasmine and Crape Myrtle are both shrubs, hardy in the South, but pot plants at the North, where they must be placed in a frost-proof cellar or room to keep over winter, watering sparingly—keeping the soil barely moist. The Crape Myrtle is hardy in the botanic gardens at Washington, protected as it is by the high buildings near by, and the trees and high picket fence. Both of these shrubs are beautiful, and well worth the care they require to winter them at the North.

Chinese Lilies.—These may be planted out in autumn in the South, but are not hardy in the northern States. At the North they should be used for winter-blooming in the window, for which purpose they are well adapted, being sure to bloom if given a modicum of care.

Amorphophallus Rivieri.—The name of Snake Palm is sometimes applied to this plant, because of the spotted and blotched character of its stem.

ABOUT CYCLAMEN.

CYCLAMEN are raised from seeds, and will bloom in about eighteen months, after sowing. Pot the seedlings in a compost of fibrous loam, leaf mould and sand as soon as large enough to handle. Keep moist and in a rather warm, shady place during summer, and in a temperature of 60° to 70° during winter, thus encouraging a continuous growth. Keep the material on which the pots stand always moist, and syringe daily to keep down red spider. Shift into larger pots as the plants grow, until in six-inch pots, in which they may be allowed to bloom. During the later transfers use some well-decayed cow manure, pulverized and thoroughly mixed in the soil.

The bulk of the corm should be above the soil in potting. The pots should be elevated upon inverted pots, and more warmth given as the buds begin to show, and the free use of the syringe should be avoided. Never let the plants suffer for want of water, keep the temperature always above 50° and the atmosphere moist. If these precautions are neglected the plants will become stunted in foliage, and the buds will blast or imperfectly develop. Good corms obtained in September or October, potted in six-inch pots as above directed will rarely fail to produce a fine display of flowers in the window during winter.



Pelargoniums.—These may be treated in the same manner as Zonale Geraniums, except that care must be taken to not over-water them. A soil composed of rich, fibrous loam, manure and sand, equal parts, with good drainage, will suit them. Pot firmly, and give water only as the soil begins to appear dry. Shift as the pots fill with roots, and syringe and fumigate to keep the plants free from aphis. In winter water sparingly, and keep in a temperature just above the freezing point. Give heat and water more freely toward spring. The plants are readily propagated from root cuttings made in the autumn.

Eucharis Amazonica.—This plant will bloom three times a year if properly cared for. It likes heat, moisture and pot room. A resting period of a month is necessary, and at this time give it a temperature of 55°, watering just enough to keep the foliage from wilting severely. After resting, repot in a larger pot, and give more heat and water. The plants bloom soon after the resting period.

BOUGAINVILLEAS TO BLOOM.

BLANTS of Bougainvillea glabra bloom well in pots when properly treated. The small plants should be obtained in spring, and placed in six-inch pots of rich, fibrous loam and sand, with a fifth part of rotted manure. When leading shoots develop pinch them out, to encourage a bushy form. Toward mid-summer shift the plants into nine-inch pots and place stakes around upon which to train the branches in an upright position. If allowed to hang over they will branch and make growth rather than develop flowers. Water and syringe freely while growing and blooming, and keep in a sunny exposure. The plants like plenty of heat, and the temperature at night should not fall below 50°. When buds appear the pots may be removed to a cooler place to develop, as the flowers are liable to drop when the plants are removed from their warmer quarters in full bloom. The bloom also lasts much longer in a cool temperature.

After blooming return to their warmer quarters, but gradually dry the plants off, and until in January give only enough water to keep the plants from drying up. Then take them out of the pots, soak the ball of roots thoroughly, and give pots three inches larger, making the soil richer by the use of a larger proportion of manure. Cut out the weakly branches, and the others to a wire trellis in such a manner that the new blooming shoots will have an upright position. Water freely and syringe daily. Avoid shade, as the foliage and flowers will be much finer in a sunny exposure. Keep the temperature at from 60° to 80°. Apply manure water often, to nourish the plant and develop the bloom. Again remove to a cooler place as the buds appear. By following these simple directions beautiful blooming plants of Bougainvillea may be raised by even amateur florist.

Akebia quinata.—Akebia quinata is a handsome shrubby, evergreen climber from China, hardy in protected places at the North. It will grow thirty feet high under favorable conditions, bearing small, brownish flowers that emit a delicious fragrance. It is useful for covering pillars, arbors, trellises, summer-houses and walls. At the North it should be used for walls with an eastern or southern exposure. It will thrive in either sun or shade, and in almost any rich, well-drained soil. Prune away the injured branches in the spring, if any, and enrich the soil by spading in some ashes or manure. The plants may be raised either from cuttings or layers.

THE SONG OF THE WIND.

I tune my ear and hearken to the song
The winter winds are singing all day long,
Intuitive sweet music like a thought
That glides into one's being all unsought;
Sometimes they sing a low, melodious strain,
But ever changing trembling chords again,
They moan and moan as some wild thing in pain.
Returning to a weird but sweet refrain;
Then rising high wild music far they fling,
And this the song I hear the sere winds sing:
"We were once soft zephyrs that capered along,
O'er the blossoming earth with laughter and
song,

We were welcome guests wherever we'd roam,
In the dark green woods or in happy homes;
We kissed every blossom and bud and tree,
And small whirlwinds raised in hilarious glee.

"We were rich with scent of the Roses' breath,
And the early spring blossoms' fragrant death;
We kissed the tomb where the Cowslips lie,
And the fragrant bed where the Violets die;
Then when night came on and the light grew
dim

On the Pine tree boughs we thrummed a hymn.
"So we danced and sung through the long sum-
mer days,
Through the autumn's pomp and soft, mellow
haze,

Then we sang a dirge o'er dead autumn's tomb,
And blighted each lingering bud and bloom,
Destroying all that was once so fair,
And making all dreary and bleak and bare.

"But though winter is here with its sleet and
snow,

The springtime will come full well we know;
'Tis a thought that ever will brighten and cheer
The dark winter days howe'r bleak and drear;
And now hearken ye to this, our refrain,
There's a minor chord in the gladdest strain
That is weary and sad, and through saddest song
A low, happy strain even glides along."

Annice Bodey Calland.

Champaign Co., O.

THE OLD HOME.

The vine-clad house, I see it still,
With the Apple trees close by the well,
The Rose bush with its blossoms sweet,
The sunning birds were wont to meet.
The sunning birds were wont to meet,
Where the Pansies grew,
And Tulip cups of many a hue.

I see the swallows flying by,
And listen to the robins' cry,
I hear them chirp and sweetly sing
Until the tufted Willows ring—
Their voices on the gale they fling,
Then lit away on easy wing.

The orchard fair, I see it, too,
Where red-cheeked peach and Apple grew.
The yellow Plum on its thorny bough—
How tall and strong the tree is now!
The Cherry with its snowy crest,
And later all in crimson drest.

Strawberries grew beneath the trees,
And gaily ripened in the breeze,
But tell me, does the Morning Vine
Around the door its tendrils twine
As, ere my feet had learned to roam,
It blossomed sweet by that dear old home.

Herington, Kan.

M. C. B.

THE VESPER THRUSH.

When Twilight in her purple cloak
Creeps up the homestead hill,
And dew shines in the orchard grass,
And flecks the Daisy's frill,
When cow bells tinkle in the lane,
And wandering feet steal home again,
When Primroses their pale lamps light
Arcund the sparrow's nest,
And the last sunbeams meet the stars
Within the rosy west,
When bats fly out and hoarse-voiced loons
Pipe in the marsh their eerie tunes,
Then from the green edge of the wood,
Where all is lone and dim,
The little thrush begins to chant
This tender vesper hymn:

"Rest, rest, rest tranquilly," he sings,
"Beneath the night's soft, sheltering wings."

The moon a warning finger lifts
Above the river films,
And eerie shapes begin to stalk
Beneath the homestead elms,
But still the little thrush sings on
"Rest tranquilly till night is gone."

He utters for us the sweet thanks
Our faltering tongues would say,
And the glad praises w^w would sing
If we but knew the way,
And the calm trust that fills his breast
Steals o'er us, with his music blest.

"Sleep, sleep, sleep safe and tranquilly,
No ill the darkness knows,
For One will watch the long night through
When weary eyelids close.
Sleep, sleep, sleep safe and tranquilly,
Till happy morning waken thee."

Arlington Heights, Mass.

Nemo.

THE DAHLIA.

The year is weighed and wanting,
The warning of its fall
A flaming finger traces
Across the mountain wall;
But yet amid dry leafage,
And ghostly faint perfumes,
In beauty Oriental,
The dusky Dahlia blooms.

Sultana of the garden!
October's proudest queen!
Among the flowers that linger
Divine, superb, serene,
Of royal hue and presence,
Of royal air and shape—
What master mourns thy going,
What harem thy escape?

I seem to see thee linger
Beside the Golden Horn,
With music-waking finger,
And lip that curls in scorn;
A daughter of Circassia,
That men have bought and sold,
With robes of finest fabric
And manacles of gold.

Behold the vision passes,
October leaves are red,
And you are but a Dahlia
Within a garden bed.

Arthur H. Goodenough
Windham Co., Vt., Oct. 18, 1900.

GET SOMETHING NEW.

EACH person ought to try something new in the plant line every season, for the sake of the pleasure it affords in watching the development of different plants, their habit of growth, "rotions," etc., for plants do have "notions" in regard to their usage, and do not like to have their "toes tread upon." It is not best to set the new plants in a conspicuous place if you know nothing about them, but set them in a secluded place. Neither is it necessary every time to purchase the high-priced, much-lauded novelty in order to obtain something new, for in every catalogue there are large numbers of lists of seeds, bulbs and plants that most persons have never seen.

As a suggestion I would recommend to try some seeds of the low-growing *Saponaria ocymoides*, an early-blooming perennial of easy culture and profuse-flowering habit. If the seed pods are clipped off after through blooming the dark green leaves will start out fresh and keep so all summer, and not look so exhausted as do some perennials after blooming.

By planting *Gypsophila paniculata* you will have, in its season, something to add grace and beauty to any bouquet with its misty white bloom, but nothing for show on the lawn. The seeds of the above two flowers are best planted in boxes and transplanted to their permanent places.

Another nice thing is the annual *Gypsophila*, which can be sown where it is to remain. Several different sowings will give one a continuation of its tiny white flowers, which should be cut freely to prevent seeding, and next summer when cutting Sweet Peas for the table just put some sprays with them, and see how greatly they are improved.

When the plant lists are sent out next spring get something new for next winter's window garden. I have a *Ruellia* that is giving me a great amount of satisfaction if it never had another flower, for it was covered with its bright flowers. At present it is resting. I have several other new plants (to me they are new) that have not reached their full development. I look at them and wonder what they will be, whether beautiful or the reverse. So far they are growing thrifitly.

Aunt Hope.

Wayne Co., Pa., Nov. 27, 1900.

BAD LUCK.

WELL, I used to feel very superior when people complained of having bad luck with flowers, and I remember with shame and contrition, how loftily I used to say "There is no such thing as luck. It is simply a matter of care and trouble, etc." But I tell you I've changed my mind this last year, for if ever a poor soul had bad luck "it was me". And it was luck pure and simple, some of it. Of course, a great deal of it was due to atmospheric conditions, but not all, no not all. It was awfully, terribly dry here this last year. This would account for nothing growing in gardens and beds, but to my way of thinking was not to blame for none of my house plants growing as heretofore, although watered and tended to faithfully. Nor does it account for my big cherished Begonias, three and four years old, dying one after another until now, out of thirteen varieties, I have not one left, for not one slip could I induce to grow. The dog broke down all my Japan Lilies, the hens scratched my Tuberous Begonias all to pieces, my Geraniums, old plants or slips alike, grew steadily smaller all summer and refused to bloom. I rooted a Sultana three times, and every time something broke it off. In despair I sent in September for a collection of choice plants, and all were nearly dead when they reached me, and those that were not I soon managed to finish. Result of this summer, instead of having from two to three hundred fine, handsome plants to take to the house this winter I have only about twenty-five, and of all the measly-looking things I ever saw I think they are worst.

Am I discouraged? Well, I gress not! You wait until another summer! I shall get an entirely new supply of nearly everything in the floral line. All contributions thankfully received! But I've learned one good lesson. Yes, I've learned it thoroughly, and hereafter when anyone comes to me with a doleful tale of bad luck, shall sigh deeply and sympathetically, and say "Yes, indeed, isn't it dreadful?"

Mrs. Edwin B. Murray.
Saratoga Co., N. Y., Nov. 8, 1900.

[NOTE.—Just so.—ED.]

The Spotted Calla.—Perhaps all of the readers of the FLORAL MAGAZINE are not aware that the Spotted Calla can be cultivated in the yard [in the South—ED.], where it will remain during the winter months with little protection, and come up again fresh and beautiful after its long winter nap. I have tried it several times, and know that it will stand the cold as well as a Rose.

W. F. Craig.

Milford, Del.

L. W. B.

McDowell Co., N. C.

Grandmother's Rose.—The Grandmother's Rose is not *Rosa rugosa*, but Queen Rosamond, a lovely old Rose, and even now occasionally found in old gardens. It is most graceful, and deserves a resurrection to popular favor.

FLOWERS THAT THRIVE BEST IN SHADE.

THE Sweet Violet, one of the smallest as well as one of the most highly prized flowers, is a great lover of shade. The largest bed of Violets I ever saw was on a large square of ground shaded by Cedar trees, the boughs of which formed a canopy overhead; the Violets were so thickly set underneath the trees that the ground was completely covered with them, and they made a carpet in which one's feet would sink out of sight in their luxuriance, as one walked. I have planted Violets under Cedar hedges, where they thrived splendidly in the shade, and when a Cedar tree would die the Violets under it would die also, as they could not endure the sunshine. I have noticed also that the Violet will seek shade by growing under shrubs.

Lily of the Valley is also a lover of shade. Like the Violet it seeks to shelter itself underneath shrubs, bushes and low-spreading trees. I have seen a bed of Lily of the Valley in all its luxuriance under a large Magnolia *grandiflora*, from which the lower limbs were cut just high enough for a person to walk, and they grew beautifully and were so fragrant. The varieties of Funkia or Day Lily are also plants that grow to the best advantage in the shade. When planted in full sunshine the leaves turn yellow, and I have seen them almost burned up; the same plants placed in boxes and set under the trees had handsome, broad green leaves, which were extremely ornamental. The white variety of Day Lily has the largest and handsomest foliage while the blossoms are the purest white of any flower I know.

The beautiful hardy Azalea also grows in greatest perfection in shady and half-shady positions, and surely we have no flowers more showy in the month of May than the Azaleas with their bright blossoms of various hues—pink, red, yellow, etc. The Rhododendron is also a great lover of shade, and in its native haunts it is always found in shady positions. The Hydrangea family all delight in shade except the Oak-leaved and Paniculata *grandiflora* varieties, the latter being the handsomest of all hardy shrubs. The pink and white varieties are very handsome plants for the lawn when planted in boxes or tubs and placed in shady positions. The Fuchsia also thrives best in shade, as do many varieties of the Palm family, very noticeably the Kentias, *Latania borbonica* or Fan Palm, *Phoenix reclinata*, and others.



VIOLETS.

The foliage of these Palms in the shade, when properly cared for, is a rich dark-green color, while in sunshine the color is often yellow and seared, causing the plants to look unhealthy. A friend of mine refused to purchase a plant of the Palm *Latania borbonica* because its foliage had such a very yellow tinge. She believed the plant to be unhealthy, as she remembered that my plants of the same variety were a dark, shining green, and she did not know that the sun was the cause of the yellow color. It is wonderful to note the difference of appearance of this plant made by positions in shade and sunshine.

The much-prized Cape Jasmine is another plant that revels in shade, in which its foliage is a lovely rich green, while in the sun it has a more or less yellow hue. The Perennial Phlox is also a handsome class of plants that thrive best in shaded and half-shaded positions; if planted out in full sunshine they will finally die out. They have immense clusters of blossoms of nearly every hue and marking, are very showy, and bloom all through the month of July, when flowers are always scarce, which makes them all the more desirable. In the long list of lovely Begonias there are a few varieties only that can stand the sun's tropical rays, but they will nearly all grow to perfection in half-shaded positions, either in boxes or on beds, and few persons who have not seen the new strains can realize the gorgeous display made by this flower, now so fashionable. It is scarcely recognized as belonging to the same family as the old Begonia of years ago. The Pansy, too, thrives best when protected from the hot afternoon sun of midsummer; it must be placed in a rich, cool, moist bed, and in such a place it will give quantities of bloom from spring until autumn, if kept well watered and free from seed pods, which should be carefully clipped off.

Those having shaded grounds cannot lack for handsome flowers to ornament them if they will make their selections from the foregoing shade-loving flowers, as all that I have named will be sure to give satisfactory results if only proper care be given to them.

Mrs. Emma Wilson.

Pittsylvania Co., Va.

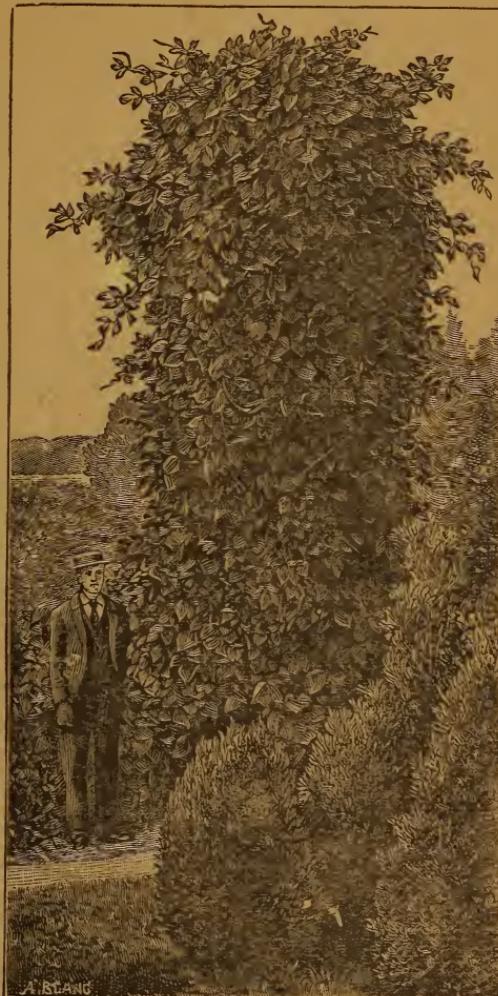
[NOEE.—The hardy trailing Vinca, English Ivy, *Nepeta glechoma* and Kenilworth Ivy are all plants that will grow in dense shade.—ED.]

Partridge Vine.—This is a beautiful little vine found in abundance in shady, ferny, mossy spots of the mountains. It is an evergreen, and all through the winter, indeed, all the year, it can be found with bright red berries, like coral drops, peeping through the dark green leaves.

McDowell Co., N. C. Mrs. W. F. C.

THE JAPANESE KUDZU VINE.

OME years ago a vine of the Bean family was introduced into this country by the Japanese, known as the Japanese Kudzu vine. It is a perennial of very rapid growth, quickly covering its support with a dense mass of rich green foliage, and bearing clusters of purple bloom during the autumn. It is spoken of very highly by horticulturists who have tried it for covering old trees, unsightly buildings and summer houses, the plant being perennial, and requiring only to be established to insure a fine display of foliage and bloom annually. It can be propagated from seeds, and seedlings become strong vines in two or three years after they are started. The plant is worthy of culture wherever a robust foliage vine is desirable. Nearly the entire vine can without injury be cut and taken to the rubbish heap when frost comes, thus preventing the untidy appearance of the grounds in autumn when the leaves are allowed to naturally fall. It is said the Japanese make a starch from the roots of this vine, cloth from the stems, and fodder of the leaves. It is thus useful in an economic sense, as well as for ornamental purposes. The illustration shows a vine covering an old tree in grounds at Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.



THE JAPANESE KUDZU VINE.

WILD FLOWERS.

WHEN you go to walk in the woods take a basket and trowel, and bring home wild flowers for your shady corner, not large and over-plentiful ones like Goldenrod and Aster, but rare and pretty things that one does not often see. Such a collection of plants is worth a great deal to one who loves them. The beautiful Cardinal flower and the pink Lady's Slipper, the blue Gentian and many others are becoming very rare. These love shady corners and good soil. The lovely pink Trilliums that we used to know as Wake Robin, the exquisite "Coonfoot," and dozens more are well worth growing. A clump of Ladies' Tresses, vines of Turkey berries and clusters of Heart Leaves are daintily beautiful for odd corners. As a rule, these tender wild flowers wither immediately after the stem is broken, so that the prettiest ones never reach home alive as cut flowers. But the fragile beauties will gladly nestle in a corner of the flower garden, and bud and blossom under our very eyes. We all love wild flowers, and it is not altogether

sentiment. Many of them are beautiful, useful plants.

E. F. W.
Iredell Co., N. C.

Klondyke Cosmos.—A novelty that I have tried with success is the Klondyke Cosmos. It is dwarfer than other kinds, has coarser foliage and yellow flowers.

Flat Rock, Ill. Mrs. Sade M. Jones.

Bryophyllum.—*Bryophyllum calycinum* bears large, unattractive terminal clusters of greenish-purple flowers.

FAREWELL TO IRELAND.

Farewell, weird island of the sea,
You bring the memory back to me
 Of days of old;
Again a boy, enrapt, I stand,
And list the tales of Ireland
 Grandmother told.

Again I picture as of yore
The laughing groups that walked the shore,
 And gathered shells,
Or in the twilight sat around,
Their voices mingling with the sound
 Of evening bells.

The years have passed, and now my feet
Have journeyed where the waters meet,
 And Shamrock grows;
The ivied ruins of Castle Green,
The bay a-near it have I seen
 In calm repose.

And as I leave the port to-day,
Where my forefathers sailed away,
 I seem to be
With those old sailors facing gales,
And hear them sing while stretching sails
 To wind and sea.

A song of weird, monotonous ring,
So oft grandmother used to sing
 That I might learn,
The tune the sailors sang that day
When my ancestors sailed away
 To ne'er return.

Then, farewell, island of the sea,
Yon bleak scene holds a charm for me
 No tongue can tell;
Our lives, like your old castles, fall,
But memory's Ivy covers all,
 So fare thee well.

Florence Josephine Boyce.

Wash. Co., Vt., Dec. 10, 1900.

[NOTE.—As stated in my closing European letter last month the Editor's ancestors sailed from London-derry in the days of "long ago," and on that morning the sailors sang a weird, monotonous song which has been handed down by tradition. The ivy-covered castle near the bay is just north of the port, and is today a beautiful ruins. Miss Boyce has told the story and said my farewell in the above beautiful verses, which I shall ever keep and appreciate.—ED.]

GLOXINIAS FROM SEEDS.

SUCH remarkable success has attended my efforts to raise Gloxinias from seeds that I feel inspired to tell of it so that possibly someone else may be encouraged to go and do likewise. I have always had a particular "hankering" after Gloxinias, and never having as many varieties as my heart desired I finally decided to try my luck with seeds. So I included a packet of mixed Gloxinia seed in my order, and although I felt doubtful about such fine dust ever growing to plants I sowed it according to directions on pressed rows, in sifted soil, kept the dish covered with a wet flannel cloth which I wrung out of warm water several times a day, and also kept a warm soapstone under the dish, which likewise had to be warmed

several times a day. But my labor was rewarded in about three weeks by the appearance of tiny specks of green, which kept coming till there were over forty of them. Some died, but I have thirty-five fine young plants now. Think of it! Thirty-five Gloxinias from a three-cent packet of seeds. If anyone can raise Gloxinias any cheaper than that I should like to see them do it.

The seed-pan had nail holes driven in the bottom, and I watered by setting it in a pan of warm water till the earth was damp. I am now transplanting them as they crowd each other, and setting them in small pots, tin cans and the like. My chief anxiety now is what I am to do with so many another season, if they survive the winter. I have also found it a good plan to keep a wet flannel over the pots of Gloxinia bulbs that I am trying to start. It hurries them up, and the dry bulbs are very slow.

Mary B. Appley.

Windham Co., Conn., Aug. 10, 1900.

Snowdrops.—These are handsome, low-growing, early spring bulbs. The Galanthus type (single, double and Elweesi Giant) is the first to bloom. Their pure white, green capped, drooping bells open a few days before the Crocus, and last till after the Crocuses are gone. The next to bloom is the Leucojum vernum, which grows about six inches high, and is crowned by a single bloom. Leucojum aestivum is, perhaps, the largest of the Snowdrops, as it grows about a foot high, and has broad, dark green leaves. Each bulb throws up two or more flower scapes, each of which is crowned with from three to six bell-shaped, medium-sized blooms of snowy whiteness. The three outer petals of each bloom are capped with brightest green, while the inner petals have a margin or border of green, which makes them very showy. All varieties of Snowdrops are best grown in masses.

L. Sloter.

Washington Co., O., Nov. 18, 1900.

California Wildlings.—The Sword Fern and the Eschscholtzia are wildlings of California. Up on the mountains the Ferns grow luxuriantly, making one long to carry them all to the valley below. They do well down here also. The Eschscholtzia is called California Poppy. During the rainy season the foot hills are ablaze with these beautiful flowers. The texture is satiny, and the color a golden-fire. The fields can be seen out at sea, thirty miles away, and are always a sight tourists never miss seeing.

Georgina S. Townsend.

Los Angeles Co., Cal., Nov. 8, 1900.

ANTIRRHINUMS.

ANTIRRHINUM is the good old Snapdragon. This has always been a valuable flower, but new improvements make it more valuable than ever. It is one of those obliging plants that once fairly started needs no coddling to do well. Grows off and blossoms as early as most annuals from seeds, lives over winter, and the next season is better than ever, blooming itself to death in fact, for few Snapdragons ever live beyond the second summer. The most useful for all purposes flower is one that grows in spikes. Spiked flowers are always ornamental in the flower garden, because of their showy masses; they work more gracefully into bouquets for vases than do flat or individual flowers, while small spikes are always in demand, if the character of the flowers themselves admit of it, to wear as corsage flowers.

And the Antirrhinum is one of the best of spiked flowers. The flowers are decidedly pretty, the coloring always fine, and the flowers just thick enough upon the stem to appear full-set, yet not crowded. The pure white and soft yellow Snapdragons are popular now as cut flowers to wear; indeed, some florists are growing them for winter cut flowers, and ladies who wish something new in the way of winter pot plants may take a hint therefrom. They are not hard to grow as pot plants, but should be started early enough to be bushy, well-grown pot plants by early autumn. In the house they do not blossom freely until they have attained full growth.

For out-of-door display and ordinary bouquet material nothing is better than to sow the mixed seeds. The mingling of so many rich shades and mottlings is particularly rich and striking, and the more deep scarlets and crimsons and bright spotted sorts the better. The seeds are not large, and the seedlings at first are small. The seeds can be sown quite early in the spring, however, and grow rapidly when once up. Usually where once grown there is a succession of self-sown plants coming up year after year. If wanted earlier in the season seeds can be sown in a box of mellow loam in the house. Sow thinly, cover lightly, and keep in a warm place. Transplant the seedlings into roomier quarters whenever they begin to crowd each other in the box. Give fresh air on pleasant spring days to harden them off, and when danger of frost is over plant them in the border.

This plant is not notional as to soil. Like most plants it prefers rich soil to poor, and mellow earth to hard, baked ground. It grows well in either sun or half shade. Where the sun is hot and the summers long it needs an early start to make a vigorous growth before hot weather overtakes

it. Pick its flowers for the house, for the sick, and to give to the children. The more spikes that are cut the more new ones will be thrown up.

Lora S. La Mance.

McDonald Co., Mo., Oct. 12, 1900.

[NOTE.—If plants of Antirrhinum are cut back in September, so that growth rather than bloom will be encouraged during autumn they will usually survive the winter without injury, and bloom freely the following season. The same result may be obtained by freely cutting the spikes of bloom to prevent seeding. The exhaustion of the plant is due to its free-seeding character.—Ed.]

My Verbena Bed.—I had a beautiful bed of Verbenas last year. First, I purchased choice seeds. Then, selecting a nice, sunny spot, I made a bed sixteen feet long and two feet wide. As may be supposed, it was necessary to make a rich soil in order to secure the best possible results. This was done by mixing some good garden soil and a small portion of sand with some well-rotted manure. Another provision was good drainage. Having started the seeds in the house some time before, I had good plants by the latter part of May. After setting them out I watered the bed thoroughly. Before the end of June I and my friends were greeted with a mass of bloom, some of the flowers being white, others a beautiful crimson, and others of various hues. In this condition they continued for months, yielding armfuls of bloom late in October. Earle Sheriff.

Genesee Co., Mich.

Ginseng.—This is a very scarce native plant, and is becoming scarcer each year. It is found in most parts of the country, in wild, uncultivated places. It produces small white flowers, which are followed later in the season by bright red berries, which are very showy. The leaves are compound, having from three to five leaflets on a stem. As the plant increases in size it has more leaflets on a stalk. Ginseng is easily transplanted, either in spring or fall, by taking up the roots with some soil, and setting in a shady place.

W. C. Mollett.

Martin Co., Ky., Oct. 23, 1900.

Black Paint.—Try painting pots, boxes, stands, etc., black. Until one sees the rich contrast of green things growing against a black background one does not realize how hideous red and green paint is. They are making a paint which dries dull, giving a wrought iron effect. I have used this on my wire stands which were green. Now they look like expensive wrought iron affairs, and the plants show off against the black much more effectively than against the green.

G. S. Townsend.

Los Angeles Co., Cal., Nov. 8, 1900.

WHEN I AM DEAD.

Oh, bring no flowers to me
When I am dead,
Speak no fond words to me,
When I am dead;
The flowers I shall not see,
Your words will powerless be,
They will not waken me,
When I am dead.

But, flowers, oh, bring them now
While I'm alive;
Your words of love speak now,
While I'm alive.
A leaf, a bud, a flower,
A word in sorrow's hour,
Will have a wondrous power,
While I'm alive.

Why wait till I am dead
To speak your love?
I shall not need it then,
For far above
All earthly flowers that bloom,
Or sin, or care, or gloom,
My soul shall find its home
In Paradise.

Essex Co., Mass.

S. M. Gorham.

SPRING PLANTING OF HARDY SHRUBS AND PERENNIALS.

AN excellent plant for the lawn or cemetery which can be planted in the early spring is *Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora*, and, unless unusually small plants are used, it will flower the first season. Single plants make, in time, quite a display, but when planted in groups the effect is grand. This shrub is hardy in all sections of the country, and grows with little or no care after it is once planted. It comes into flower in July, and remains in bloom until November.

The Azalea can be planted in the spring, but will hardly flower the first season. The shrubs are large and must be sent by express. We seldom find a display of the

Azalea on newly made lawns, but must look for them in the old established gardens. This is one of the prettiest of shrubs, and to me the sweetest memories cluster round a spray of pink Azalea blossoms. Some florists offer extra strong plants of this, well set with buds, in the ring, for one dollar each, and where these are ordered it is best to have them sent by freight, as larger plants can be had in this way. In shrubs I would say get express size by all means, as the mailing size plants are so small, and it takes them so long to get started, while for the express size it is not necessary to wash the soil off the roots.

For trellises and pillars nothing is prettier than the whites and rich velvety purples of the Clematis. For immediate effects these can be obtained in three-year-old plants, if one can afford the expense. You will find nothing more ornamental or

more satisfactory for this purpose than the Clematis.

Nothing will more beautifully or more gracefully drape an old, unsightly tree trunk than the Wisteria. The long, drooping racemes of blue flowers are produced in great abundance in the spring. The flowers are pea-shaped, and borne in great clusters resembling clusters of grapes. The Wisteria is a rapid-growing vine, often attaining the height of twenty-five feet in a single season.

There is hardly anything in the perennial class more valuable than the perennial Phlox. This has large heads of various colored flowers, blooming from



PERENNIAL PHLOX.

June until November, and when planted in large groups are invaluable for cut flower purposes, besides making the lawn gay with their bright-hued flowers. This should be set out very early in the spring, and do not be stingy here, but plant in large groups, and economize on something else. You are not apt to regret the expenditure, as this is a permanent fixture on the lawn if given proper care at the start, and they will increase in size and beauty each year.

Laura Jones.

Lincoln Co., Ky.

[**NOTE.**—An excellent way to get a large bed of Perennial Phlox is to start the plants from seeds. They are rather tardy in germinating, but by soaking in warm water for a few days and sowing in a box of soil kept moist but not wet for several weeks a good percentage of little plants will appear, and soon become of blooming size. A good mixture will show flowers of a great range of colors, many new and novel, and produced in splendid panicles.—ED.]

A Climbing Rose.—This year's growth of a Rose bush that was a bush when we came here, is almost six feet. We anticipate a wealth of bloom from it next year, as all the old growth has been cut out, the soil stirred and enriched, and the roots will be well mulched with coarse manure. It is a red Rose that puts forth its bloom in clusters.

Emma Clearwater.

Vermilion Co., Ind., Aug. 30, 1900.

THE BRANCHING ASTER.

WHEN I included a ten-cent packet of Vick's Branching Aster in my seed order last spring it was with no very enthusiastic anticipations, because—well, "Asters are such stiff, inexpressive flowers, you know." That was my own private opinion. However, the seeds were started early in the house, and did well for awhile, but when the second pair of leaves came the plants stood still. Transplanted to the hot-bed, however, they grew right along, and were large, sturdy plants when, early in May, it came time to remove them to the garden. Let me say right here, the only satisfactory place I know of in which to start early seedlings is the hot-bed. The warm air, laden with moisture, seems to exactly suit the baby plants, and it is a pleasure to see them grow and thrive, while the expense and trouble of a hot-bed is trifling, indeed. Along in the latter part of July the plants, then, most of them, waist-high and tree-shaped, with many branches, began to bloom. The first blossoms were three inches across, great, fluffy balls, nodding at the summits of their long stems, and with petals long, incurved and wavy, pure white, palest pink, pale lavender and deep rose. "Stiff and inexpressive," indeed! The blossoms that came later were smaller. I counted sixty-two buds and blossoms on one plant. This is a very dry season, with no artificial watering and no mulching. Needless to say this Aster has gained a permanent place in our garden.

S. O. M.

McLeod Co., Minn., Oct. 10, 1900.

Wild Flower Beds.—Most wild flowers that bloom early, and those that bloom in shady places can be successfully transplanted while in bloom. But one must be careful to observe the natural surroundings of each plant, and make the new conditions as near like them as possible. If they grew in deep shade they will probably not be satisfactory if given a sunny bed when removed. The soil should also be as near the same as one can get. It is best to have two flower beds for wildlings, one in shade and the other in a sunny place, and put in each the plants best suited to it. If these beds are edged with rough white or gray stones the effect will be quite pretty. And if some small wild vines are allowed to trail about over the stones it will be prettier still.

Christian Co., Ky.

Ina King.

Azalia.—Azalia leaves fall off from over-watering. The plants resent too much moisture, and also prefer a shady place in summer.

Lydia W. Baldwin.

Kent Co., Del.

ABOUT NICOTIANA.

I AM putting half a dozen Nicotianas this winter. One in particular, which is in extra rich soil, has more than twenty leaves, some of which are a foot long. I think it one of the most satisfactory plants for winter-blooming that I ever had, and in summer—well, I just let them come up almost wherever they will, and people going by stop and wonder what beautiful foreign Lily I have in bloom that fills the door-yard with fragrance and overflows into the highway. But, oh, how tired I get of digging them up for people, only to have them tell me when next I see them that "the dog dug it up," or "the hens scratched it out," or "it died its own self," and they generally wind up with the pathetic moan "I knew I shouldn't have any luck with it. I never do. Somehow, it seems I cannot make things grow."

Well, I am still raising them, and still giving them away. It doesn't hurt my feelings so much as it does to pull them up and throw them away, as I am sometimes obliged to do when they crowd my other plants too hard.

Adella F. Veazie.

Knox Co., Me., Nov. 23, 1900.

Narcissus Jonquilla Campernelle.—This Jonquil has the purest yellow flowers of any Narcissus known. The bulbs are small in size, but are fairly golden treasures, as they throw up several flower scapes, and each scape is crowned with three handsome, sweet-scented blooms. *J. campernelle* and *J. regulosa* are almost identical in size and color. *J. superbissima grandiflora* is a giant yellow Jonquil of great beauty. There is no prettier or better blooming bulb known than the delicate sweet-scented Jonquils.

L. Sloter.

Washington Co., O., Nov. 18, 1900.

Three Little Annuals.—There are three little annuals which I have tried and am much pleased with. I think I got them all from Mr. Park. They are *Cynglossum*, *Oxyura* and *Scarlet Flax*. All bloom early, and all are very pretty, and make good growth almost anywhere without extra "babying." The first is pure and innocent looking; the second odd and pretty, with its yellow middle and white edge; and a bed of the last is dazzling—the color is so peculiarly brilliant.

Adella F. Veazie.

Knox Co., Me., Nov. 27, 1900.

Hydrangea.—A *Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora* obtained last April is now in bloom. Four large blooms are given us, and two others were accidentally destroyed.

E. C.

Vermilion Co., Ind., Aug. 30, 1900.

NASTURTIUM'S SECRET.

Nasturtium bold, with heart of gold,
List while my secret I unfold,
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His hair was gold, his air was bold,
But to me he no secret told.

Now he is gone, I'm left alone,
My heart like lead or like a stone,
Still shall I feign to feel no pain
Though secret tears may fall like rain.
Nasturtium, you, I know, are true,
Tell none the secret I told you.

Milwaukee Co., Wis.

Dora Odell.

GERANIUMS.

SHALL we discard the Geranium, and use bulbs and annuals for our winter garden? No, indeed; do not do so. Cultivate Geraniums intelligently, and they will respond at once to your treatment. Do not expect plants that have blossomed out-doors all summer to continue doing the same all winter. They will disappoint you. Do not put small plants into large pots and expect them to bloom during winter. They will probably grow well and be thrifty, and next spring and summer blossom. If you desire to have Geraniums bloom during the winter root your cuttings in the spring or early summer, and set in small pots, giving good drainage. Water when the soil is dry. If it is an old plant you desire to have in flower during winter, prune it severely, then keep all buds nipped off during the summer, and it must bloom in winter.

There are so many desirable varieties that one can have a beautiful window and have nothing but Geraniums. Do not forget to provide plenty of the sweet-scented sorts. Nothing is more beautiful than a well-grown specimen of the Fern-leaved variety. The Scented-leaved sorts are prized for their spicy fragrance. Some of the Bronze-leaved and Silver-leaved varieties are very beautiful. One hardly realizes their lack of flowers. Among the single Geraniums for winter Mrs. E. G. Hill leads the list. The foliage is thrifty, and the flowers are borne on long stems and come continuously. The Ivy Geraniums are beautiful either for pots or baskets.

Geraniums need good sunlight. In fact, in order to have them bloom they must have direct sunlight. Give them good drainage, small pots, water, and sunlight, and they will repay you with many blossoms.

Ethelyn.

Mass.

[**NOTE.**—The Editor endorses the above article upon Geraniums. It is practical, and the statements were evidently prompted by the writer's experience. It will bear a careful reading.—ED.]

CRIMSON RAMBLER ROSE.

IN 1896 we received a Crimson Rambler Rose and planted it with great care in a warm, sunny corner. That season it sent up one shoot nearly an inch in diameter and more than twenty feet long. Then we pinched the terminal and it branched freely, but in winter began to die slowly from the tip downward, and the oldest leaves were badly mildewed. So we pruned it to within three feet of the roots. In 1897 it sent up many shoots, but we allowed only one to grow. Again it reached twenty feet, and again began to die back, so we pruned again. This year the plant is sending up a dozen great fat suckers. The foliage has no mildew now, and the branches along the old stock are loaded with blossoms. The flowers are double, a little larger than Banksies (but do not resemble that Rose nor Seven Sisters in form), and in clusters on stems a nice length for cutting. Now for the color, a most vivid crimson—a cheerful crimson, mind you—and of a texture or appearance resembling silk rather than satin or velvet, totally unlike that of any Rose we have seen. Florists tell us that "tongue or pen cannot do this Rose justice; it must be seen to be appreciated," which expresses our views in regard to its color. The blooms on our plant are now ten days old, and prettier than when first opened.

Crimson Rambler was brought from Japan to England, thence to America, and from the mother country inherits its early blooming quality, making it a valuable Easter flower, and this year fifteen hundred plants were brought into bloom at that time by one florist.

And now we feel like "tiptoeing" to see Aglæia, the Yellow Rambler.

Cal.

Marion Howard.

P. S.—Later. We have seen the Aglæia. It was in the window of an up-to-date milliner, and it had for companions the white, the pink, and the crimson Ramblers—all made of muslin!—M. H.

Hibiscus.—I raised a seedling southern Hibiscus that is ten feet high and well branched. It has lovely cut foliage and large, dark red flowers with almost black center. I have two other kinds, the Crimson-eye and one with large white fringed blossoms that is sometimes called Swamp Lily. They are showy for clumps on large lawns.

Sade M. Jones.

Crawford Co., Ill.

Pomegranate.—As I understand it, the James Vick Pomegranate does not bear edible fruit. It is grown for its beautiful flowers only.

L. W. B.

Milford, Del.

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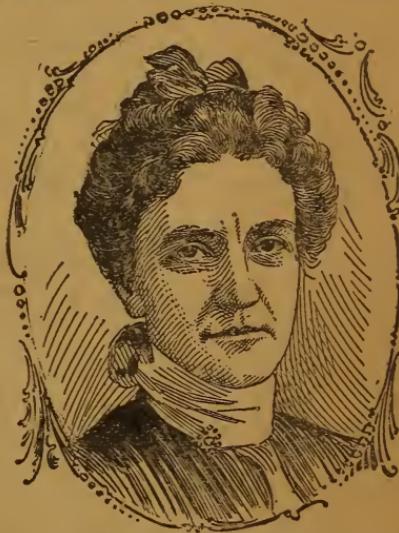
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GOSSIP.

Dear Flower Folks:—While I have had a fair share of success this past year I have also had my failures. First was the Cannas. I bought a package of Crozy Canna seed. I got my Magazines and hunted up all the information I could get out of them on Canna culture. I even selected the plot for the bed, and in my mind was pictured the gorgeous colors of scarlet, crimson and gold that was to be mine just in front of the kitchen porch, where I could see them while at work. The seeds were first to be filed or soaked in hot water. One sister had filed the seeds till the white showed through, then soaked them over night in warm water. As it was late when the seeds were ordered I was anxious to get them started. I thought if a little filing was good more would be better, so I filed the seeds (when I wasn't filing my fingers) till they showed the white all along the sides. You all know the rest of the story. They were put in the hotbed and carefully watered and watched, and I waited for the Cannas that never came up. I dug the seeds up, and every one had sprouted and then rotted, leaving a little hole right through the middle. Next spring I shall not be quite so energetic with the file. Next was Primula obconica and P. Forbesii. I sifted woods earth and prepared my little pans with great care. Holes were made in the bottom so they could be watered by setting in another vessel, without disturbing the seeds. I sowed them under glass, I sowed them under paper, I put them under a damp cloth, and never but one little plant came up. It soon died, and I am looking at other people's Primroses.

But the Tuberous Begonias have made up for the other failures. They were kept in a north bay window, each in a pot that held a gallon or more of rich earth. The blooms measured more than four inches across. The foliage of the yellow was as handsome as a Rex, but the flowers were not quite so large as the others. The rose color showed two shades in the flower, and I thought it the loveliest color I ever saw. I had read somewhere that they should be started in small pots in a warm, sunny window. I was a little skeptical, but as my windows were already crowded with seed pans and boxes I had but little room for anything more. So they were planted in three-inch pots of leaf mould and sand and set on a middle shelf in a sunny window in the

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kitchen. I watered them twice a day and yet they always looked dry as powder. At the end of four weeks I could see no signs of growth. I dug one up, and no roots had yet formed, but the bulb looked more plump. By this time the weather had become warmer, and they were planted in pots and buckets which would hold from three to five quarts of earth, and placed in a north window. Now it was no trouble to keep them moist, and soon they sprouted. The sun came in just a little in the morning and evening, and they grew very fast and were soon in bloom. At one time twenty-two open flowers and some buds were on the crimson one.

I have four Pelargoniums which were a lovely sight when in bloom. I pruned them severely after they were done flowering, and they have made a large growth this fall.

Carmen Ercole.

Ft. Recovery, O., Dec. 2, 1900.

Those Nabbies!—Dear Flower Folks: I have never met a "Nabby Frost," but I don't doubt I should be able to cope with her if I did, for I manage to get rid of pests, and plants, too, sometimes. My nice Heliotrope I inverted in a large basin of extra double strength kerosene emulsion and forgot all about it for an hour. It was drowned. And my choice everblooming Calla, to hurry the bloom I turned boiling water into the saucer, then set it on the reservoir. It was cooked. Such treatment adapted to conditions would certainly eradicate any "Nabbies" that might come to pester me.

Mrs. K.

Dickinson Co., Iowa.

That Picture.—We all feel better acquainted with Mr. Park, now that we have had the pleasure of seeing his picture. It's the very image of kindness and goodness. It's no wonder he loves flowers. We had made up our mind that he was more weighty and shorter. But how the mind will picture!

Mrs. M.

Stark Co., O.

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Subscriber.

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G. S. T.

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A pack from Washington:

A little package, duly franked,

No postage stamps to show.

And it contains those little seeds,

The kind that never grow.

Our good and zealous congressman,

Bemindful of our vote,

Upon his memorandum page

Putts down a little note,

And when the proper time arrives

For us to to wield the hoe,

He sendeth us the little seeds—

The ones that never grow.

There's squashes with enticing names

And cabbages, I wot,

So large that you would think that one

Would shade a garden spot;

So with the pack from Washington

You amble forth to sow.

With many a drop of sweat, the seeds

That never care to grow.

How often have I plied the rake,

How oft I've lounged about,

With eyes alert to catch the first

Signs of the coming sprout;

In vain, in vain; my hopes have fled,

My heart has filled with woe

About the seeds from Washington—

The seeds that never grow.

But yet each year my hopes revive,

As spring reclothes the tree,

As to my homestead surely comes:

The package marked 'M. C.'

And, foolish like, again I wield

The sprinkler and the hoe,

And, like a ninny, plant the seeds—

The seeds that never grow.

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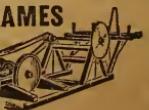
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And spread its leaf-tops wide.

Its burdened branches few could see,
The leaves a thick tent made,
Beneath its boughs for many years
Contented children played.

Alas! one day two gossips gray
Moved to the cottage white,
They spent their time in watching folks
Go past from morn till night.

"Was that young Brown just gone uptown
To visit Annie Lee,
And had he on a brand new suit?
This view's spoiled by that tree."

"Was that Nell Jones that just rode by?
I wish I could have seen,
Her head was nearer to his arm—
That tree is such a screen."

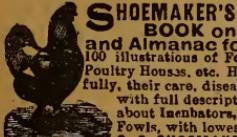
"We'll trim it up," they both declared,
And, armed with scissors keen,
They sallied forth, and branches fair
Lost all their garments green.

"So bare and gray those ugly limbs
Are still some in the way;
We'll have a boy to-morrow morn
Come chop the things away."

Farewell to thee, time-honored tree,
Your leafless trunk so bare,
A mute reproach to plying eyes,
To see I do not care.

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Dame Durden.



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I'm only a Pansy blossom,
My colors are purple and white,
And like all good flowers and children
I go to sleep every night.

And in the morning early,
I open wide my eyes,
And drink in all the glory
Of the dew, green grass and skies.

They say I'm always so serious,
And think the live-long day,
While all the other flowers
Are ever olive and gay.

So, Pansies are for thoughts,
All loving, kind and true;
And my sincerest thought just now
Is the best of luck to you.

Blanche.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I take your Magazine and like it very much. I am just eleven years old, and am a dear lover of flowers. I have a sweet little sister with brown eyes. Her name is Carrie, but we call her Pet. I have a sweet cousin who lives with us. Her name is Beulah. She is thirteen years old. We have good times together. I have two pets, a kitten and a doll. I call my kitten Blue Bell. Rosa Cunningham.

Washington Co., Ark., Sept. 12, 1900.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am nine years old, and have a little garden of my own. I have in it one Candytuft, some Phlox, a Geranium, a Tuberosa and a Gladiolus. Agnes Palmer.

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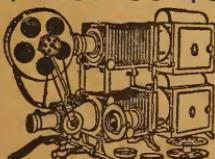
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Nellie Heath.

Grand Forks Co., N. D., Oct. 30, 1900.

Dear Mr. Park:—I received the flower seeds and Floral Guide, and am delighted with them. I am a little girl. My school teacher sent in the order for seeds. I may send in a club later. My flower garden is a beauty. Mable Brown.

Jackson Co., Mo., Aug. 23, 1900.

Dear Children:—I am an old, old grandmother, but I read the Children's Corner, and I want to tell you of a dear little friend who comes to see me every month, and always brings me a nice bouquet of flowers and some pretty verses. My little friend wears a little brown dress, but last November I was surprised to see a pretty blue dress. I hardly knew it was my friend. I live where there are no little children, so my little friend and I sit in my room and talk of the beautiful flowers, and read the pretty verses and have a good time generally. Now, I want you to guess the name of my little friend.

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Dear Mr. Park:—The Floral Magazine for September came in due course of mail, and was very interesting, but when I read the letters from your correspondents I feel that I am not a successful florist, yet I do enjoy experimenting with seeds and plants. After boarding many years in a city we moved here, and now live in an old style stone house (built 120 years ago by the founder of this place). There are two long porches in front of the house, and from the upper porch there is a bridge across the roadway to the Rose garden. Here there is a round bed with early bulbs, and later hardy Lilies, white Petunias and Sweet Alyssum, which are renewed from their own seeds. Another bed is planted with annuals from Mr. Park, and I find that Zinnias stand the heat, drought and frost better than the other flowers. The old-fashioned Roses were lovely in May. There is a double white and a double yellow Rose that blooms at the same time as the Blush and Hundred-leaf Roses. I would like to know the names of these. The Chrysanthemums have not budded this year. Is it too late for them to do so? In the spring an Umbrella Plant was sent me, and first planted in a tin can which it soon outgrew. I then got a gallon bucket, made a number of holes in the bottom, put in charcoal, sand and sifted garden soil, and transplanted it and watered every day. The can was set on two bricks to give it good drainage, and the plant has grown finely, but I would be glad to know how the Cyperus should be cared for in winter.

E. H. W.

Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Oct. 1, 1900.

[NOTE.—Chrysanthemum plants that are expected to bloom in autumn should be showing buds by October 1st. Cyperus should be kept in a rather cool, frost-proof place and sparingly watered during winter. In the spring cut the tops off, repot, and begin to water freely. It is an aquatic plant, and likes an abundance of water while growing.—ED.]

Mr. Park:—I have read your letters on a "European Trip" with much pleasure. I have crossed the Atlantic five times, but have never seen the Alpine mountains. I believe, however, that the Rocky Mountains traversed by the C. P. R. Y. vie with them in grandeur. These mountains are the most sublime that I have ever beheld in God's creation. They inspire one with deep thoughts and feelings of his own littleness, and of the greatness of Him who created them. But what are these compared with the wonders of the whole earth and universe! And what must Heaven be!

Frank Van Og.

Lewis Co., Wash., Aug. 10, 1900.

Mr. Park:—Mother has been a patron of yours for many years, and we are both fond of flowers, and very much enjoy the Magazine, for it has so much of interest and instruction to flower growers. Being an invalid flowers are among my greatest pleasures. I have enjoyed the exchange column, and have quite a large collection of shells, minerals and curios, mostly received by answering exchanges in the Magazine. I thank you for the pleasure you have given me in this way.

Stanley Nichols.

San Luis Obispo Co., Cal., Aug. 24, 1900.

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GOSSIP.

Dear Flower Folks:—I wonder at the Oregon sister's attack on the Tulip as scentless, gaudy, detested, etc. When my single red Tulips were in blossom one could smell them over the entire garden, especially in the evening, though they seemed no stronger when near the bed. Gaudy? I have Roses, Pinks and Snapdragons exactly the same shade. Detested? Oh, no! they were appreciated by all who saw them. A bulb which I received as a premium was a single yellow Narcissus. It has not increased any, and had but one flower each year, but such a flower! It was three inches across, and lasted for seven weeks perfectly fresh, and two weeks longer before it was unsightly. From a package of mixed Snapdragons I raised only three plants, dark red, pink and white, and from the seeds of these three kinds I have raised every color, shade and marking that you could imagine—bright red with yellow and white throat, yellow striped red, etc.

Latah Co., Idaho.

Aunt Jennie.

Dear Flower Folks:—I think that if you who have been deriding paper flowers could have attended with me the Fall Festival at Cincinnati, Ohio, you could not help but acknowledge that the champions of those "Rag Roses" had gained a point. The flower parade was beautiful, and the greater part of the decoration was of paper flowers. Only two or three carriages were decorated with Ferns and Orchids in real flowers. The rest were paper—Morning Glories, Violets, Wisterias, Poppies, Roses and Chrysanthemums. I cannot nearly describe it, but a few unique features were a large, flaring basket decorated with beautiful pink roses, and filled with blonde-haired girls; a large goose; a ship; and a pagoda draped with pink white and blue Morning Glories. The Queen of the Festival was a beautiful blonde, her carriage surmounted by a floral crown. A small child in a flower-decked cart drawn by a pair of goats looked very cute. About the showiest of the parade were two landas, one decorated with salmon pink Roses and the other with purple and white Wisterias.

A. K. Walton.

Hamilton Co., O., Oct. 2, 1900.

Dear Floral Friends:—I would like to tell you about a Cactus I have. It is over ten years old, and has never bloomed. It has a stem thirteen feet long, with branches three, four and a half, five, and seven and a half feet long. In summer it stands beside a tree, and the branches are fastened so they run up into the tree.

R. E. S.

Morgan Co., Tenn., Nov. 7, 1900.



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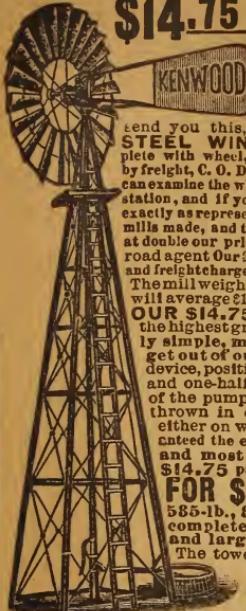
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GOSSIP.

Dear Flower Folks:—I see "Puss" has lined someone up good. Now, I have exchanged quite a number of times, and will say I find more true Christian dealing among flower loving people than any other class. Two years ago I put an exchange notice in this good little Magazine, and I had a number of answers, and I wrote and answered every one that I could read. I did have two that I could not make out, and I did not write to those persons. I do hope they will be more careful next time. The exchange is the most social part of anything I have found. I do hope Mr. Park will not feel disgusted with us, for I feel as though it was the most personal page in the book, and I have had such good success with the plants I have got in that way. I would like to see it always in our Magazine.

Ettie.
Stark Co., Ohio.

Angel's Wing Begonia.—Mrs. Fish, of Connecticut, sends a leaf of a variety of Begonia Bruniata for a name. It is the sort known as Angel's Wing. Mrs. J. truthfully says "It is a profuse winter-bloomer and very beautiful."

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Westfield, Ia.
Mrs. M. J. K.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have taken your little Magazine for a long time, and like it even so much. Although I am seventy-four years old I have not lost my interest in flowers yet. When I carry or send in flowers to the sick or the shut-in people and see how they enjoy them I feel more than repaid for all the work and trouble I have been to. I often advise persons who have no flowers to send to you and make a start and see what they can do. We lived on a farm for over forty years, and had lots of work to do, but I always would give my plants and flowers a share of my time, and how many times I have picked baskets of flowers for those that thought they never had any time to cultivate flowers.

Knox Co., Ill,

Mrs. Mary Babcock.

From Texas.—Dear Mr. Park: Your lovely floral Magazine comes regularly and I enjoy reading it. Every item in it is interesting to those who love flowers and the thoughts connected with them. Then your letters of foreign travel are certainly charming, and carry one in imagination to the very scenes you describe. Having seen no letter from Texas I venture to write to say that the ladies of Texas are very fond of flowers. It would be hard to find a home where there are not some flowers growing, cared for and cherished by the ladies and children of the family. Texas has beautiful wild flowers, also. The Indian Plume is a tall plant swaying in the breeze and covered with bright scarlet blossoms. The wild Violets are sweet, and in the early spring cover the ground in the woods. Out on the prairies the blue Lupins and pink Cowslips form large beds of color and sweet perfume. The Mountain Laurel is found blooming in March on Mt. Bonnel near Austin, and there are many others.

Celia B. Townsend.

Angelina Co., Texas, Oct. 23, 1900.



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CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—Here is one at least who agrees with K. W. G. in regard to Zinnias, and I would add also Marigolds. I wonder why anyone would give them room which could be taken up with so many more beautiful and graceful plants. In looking over Laura Greenwood's volume of "Life Among the Flowers," where nearly every known flower is mentioned I find no notice taken of either the Zinnia or Marigold. She must have considered them unworthy of notice. But the Tulips! How I admire them! There is nothing in nature, except the rainbow, more radiantly beautiful than a bed of gorgeous Tulips. Unfortunately in this part of Nebraska we cannot have a succession of Tulips except by replanting with new bulbs every fall. They last but one year. Why it is I cannot imagine.

Mrs. S. C. Mullin.

Dawson Co., Neb., Sep. 21, 1900.

[NOTE.—The Editor is a friend of both the Zinnia and Marigold. They were associated with the sweet experiences of childhood, and recall the happy days spent at the old homestead, and the faces and voices of his most loved friends. Both grow so easily from seeds, have such handsome foliage, bloom so freely and continuously even under adverse conditions, and are so free from pests, that every person succeeds with them. The flowers are not as delicate as we might desire, but have been greatly improved, and are bright and varied in color, and graceful in form. We love them.—ED.]

Dear Mr. Park:—I must tell you about the Auratum Lily you sent me as a premium for getting up a club for the Floral Magazine. Such a nice plump one as it was! It was a pleasure to hold it in my hand and wonder what it would give me later on. As we were expecting to buy a home I did not want to plant it out in the garden, so I put it into a gallon can and set it out by the grape arbor. How it did grow—a great, healthy stalk with fifteen buds. Oh, how I did watch that Lily. The neighbor children were so careless with bat and ball I was afraid for my Lily, so set it next the high board fence, behind a Rose bush, but where it got plenty of sun. But for all my care a ball struck it fair and square two inches above the can. When I came home (for I was away when it was done) I went to see if my Lily was all right, and found it broken and lying flat, the stalk so split and broken I could put my finger through the rent. My first impulse was to cut off the stalk and save the bulb, when I remembered to have read in the Floral Magazine that to save broken plants to bind the broken place the same as one would a broken or bruised finger. So I tried it. I used plenty of soft cloth, dampened, tied it well, and had a stake to tie to. It never withered. Though it had the full sun not a bud dropped, nor were the flowers marred in the least. When its blooming time came what joy it gave us! Every flower was open, the last before the first had faded. It was a perfect beauty. Ladies driving past would stop to buy or trade for my beautiful Lily, but I told each one I got it of G. W. Park, and he had plenty more just like it, and they could send and get one so much cheaper than I could sell mine. Pardon me this long letter, but I did so want to tell you about my Lily.

A. B. L.

St. Joseph Co., Ind., Oct. 12, 1900.

[NOTE.—Fine large Auratum bulbs can be supplied as a premium with the Magazine a year for twenty-five cents. They will be sent in the spring in time for planting.—ED.]

From San Diego, Cal.—Dear Mr. Park: In the way of bulbs our most common thing here is the Calla. It is everybody's favorite. Great masses of the Calla are grown, especially on the north side of houses. This is also the best place for Smilax, our most popular climber. The Mina lobata is grand, but is an annual, and hence not much cultivated. Mr. Park, you have seen Europe; you ought also to see San Diego.

L. M. Ford.

San Diego Co., Cal., Oct. 12, 1900.

[NOTE.—For some years past the Editor has felt more than a passing interest in San Diego's district and Lower California, and brother Ford need not be surprised if he should find his friend from the far East knocking at his door some morning. It's a pleasure he has in anticipation.—ED.]

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Mr. Park:—I like your little Magazine very much, and would hardly know how to spare it. I gain so much information on how to treat my plants and flowers. I have taken larger journals, but I think I did not gain as much from them as I have from yours. It is a very welcome visitor to me.

M. J. B.

Genesee Co., N. Y., July 26, 1900.

Mr. Park:—I have been a subscriber to your Floral Magazine for several years, and scan its columns for any information I need in regard to the treatment of any of my plants, and I always find just what I want. I have about 100 house plants, and they all look lovely. I am never without blossoms.

Mrs. B. F. Sampson.
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have been a subscriber to your valuable Floral Magazine since 1883, and have the file for the entire time complete, save for a few copies lost by loaning. This lengthy time ought to tell how I appreciate the Magazine. It is, in very truth, practical—not theoretical. I shall probably not take it seventeen years longer, as age is creeping upon me.

Mrs. E. L. M.
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